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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An absorbent article (40) configured for disposition within ~~[[the]]~~ a vestibule (42) of a female wearer and having an improved efficacy at maintaining disposition within the vestibule, the absorbent article comprising an absorbent (66), the absorbent having a length, a width and an upper surface, the upper surface having a surface area, wherein: the length of the absorbent is no less than about 40 mm; the length of the absorbent is no greater than about ~~[[80]]~~ 50 mm; the width of the absorbent is no less than about 5 mm; the width of the absorbent is no greater than about 40 mm; the surface area of the upper surface is no less than about 700 mm<sup>2</sup>; and the surface area of the upper surface is no greater than about 1,700 mm<sup>2</sup>.
2. (original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the surface area of the upper surface is no less than about 900 mm<sup>2</sup>.
3. (original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the surface area of the upper surface is no less than about 1,100 mm<sup>2</sup>.
4. (original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the length of the absorbent is no less than about 45 mm.
5. (canceled)
6. (original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the width of the absorbent is no less than about 10 mm. *red*
7. (original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the width of the absorbent is no less than about 15 mm.
8. (original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

Claims 9-37 (canceled)